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37 C.F.R. §1.97(i). Applicants are submitting references to satisfy Applicants' disclosure obligations in hopes that the references will be considered by the Examiner. Although the submission does not fully meet 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicant respectfully requests that the cited documents be considered and that the enclosed Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 be initialed by the Examiner to indicate such consideration and a copy thereof returned to Applicant(s). It is understood that if the Examiner does not consider the cited references, the cited documents will be placed in the file pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(i).

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